### Addendum:

The manuscript notes in the margins of 13 of the illustrations in Book III of the accompanying copy of Ratdolt's 1482 edition of *De astronomia* were written by a previous German owner, sometime after 1637. They provide indications as to where additional information can be found concerning the myths of these constellations and mostly refer to well-known mythological compendia that were popular during the 17th and 18th centuries.

The terminus post quem for these annotations is the six references to the well-known Acerra philologica ('the philological [incense]-box') by Peter Lauremberg, which was first published in Rostock in 1637. It was an extremely popular collection of useful and often amusing 'explanations' of the stories taken from Greek and Roman mythology. Originally written in German, the text was subsequently translated in Dutch and Latin and was regularly republished and reprinted, becoming one of the most popular books of the period. There is also one reference to the similarly popular Mythologiae, sive explicationis fabularum libri decem... by Natale Conti, which was first printed in Venice in 1567. The original Latin version of the text was reprinted 21 times and the French translation from c. 1600 was reprinted six times. Finally, there is one reference to the introductory astronomical text by Johann Georg Trigler, Sphaera. Das ist: Ein kurtzer Astronomischer Tractat..., which was first published in Leipzig in 1614.

The author of the marginalia also points to specific passages from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Cicero's *De natura deorum* and the *Elegies* of Propertius – though these references might have been taken from the compendia listed above.

### APPENDIX I

Working from the information supplied in Viré's catalogue (1981) and the notes in ed. LeBœuffle (1983, pp. xlvii--lvi) and ed. Viré (1992, pp. xii-xxvii), only 11 of the 39 manuscripts predating the 13th century have illustrations accompanying the Hyginus sections.

### In the table below:

- The manuscripts are listed more-or-less chronologically, with an attempt to reconcile the views of Le Bœuffle and Viré when they diverge.
- The Greek and Roman letters signify the manuscript's position within Viré's proposed families and sub-groups, with α and β being the closest to the classical archetype. The mark (-) indicates manuscripts which she has found difficult to place within specific families. Mss with Ø indicate that they have not been included in Viré's list.
- The mss listed in **bold** have illustrations alongside the text of *De astronomia*.
- The mss marked with and asterisk (\*) do contain illustrations, but not within the Hyginus sections.
   See APPENDIX II for more detail.

### 9th-century

γ	Valenciennes, Bibl. Mun.	Ms 337	St-Amand-en-Pévèle		
α	Vatican, BAV	Reg. lat. 1260	N. France, Fleury?		
α	St Gallen, Stiftsbibl.	cod. 250*	St Gallen		
v	Milan, Bibl. Ambrosiana	Ms M 12 sup.	NW France (Corvey?)		

### 9th-10th century

α	Munich, BSB	clm 13084	Freising, Bavaria
α	Bern, Burgerbibl.	Ms 45	Fleury, St-Benoît-sur-Loire
α	Montpellier, École des Méd.	Н 334	Loire
Ø	ex-Dresden, Landesbibl.	Dc. 183*	W. Francia

## 10th century

α.	Paris, BnF	lat. 8278	St-Rémi, Reims
δ	Paris, BnF	lat. 11127	Monastery of St-Willibrod d'Epternach
γ.	Leiden. Universiteitsbibl.	Voss. lat. 8° 84	France
β.	London, BL	Harley Ms 2506*	France (Fleury, St-Benoît-sur Loire?)
(-).	Oxford, Bodleian Libr.	D'Orville 95	S. German

### 11th century

γ.	Paris, BnF	lat. 8663*	Fleury
(-).	Oxford, Bodleian Libr.	D'Orville 145	Ghent (Abbey of St-Pierre au Mon Blandin?)
α.	Leiden, Universiteitsbibl.	Voss. lat. 8°15	St-Martial, Limoges (Adémar de Chabannes)
α.	Vatican, BAV	Reg. lat. 123	Sta Maria de Ripoll (Monk Olivo)
ε.	St Paul im Lavantthal, Stiftsbibl.	16/1	Kloster St Blasien, Baden Württenberg
Ø.	Aberystwyth, NLW	Ms 735 C*	English
β	Cambridge, Trinity Coll.,	R. 15.32	partially illustrated; Winchester

## 11-12th century

a.	Vatican, BAV.	Reg. lat. 1207	France
a.	Vienna, ÖNB.	Vindob. 2269	(2)
δ	Brussels, Bibl. Roy.	10078-10095	Abbey of Gembloux (scriptorium of Sigebert)

## 12th century

Ø	Baltimore, Walters Art Gall.	W 734	France
ζ	Vatican, BAV	Pal. lat. 1363	German
η	Glasgow, Hunter Mus	T. 42	Durham
ζ	Cambridge, Fitzwilliam Mus.	McClean 165	Sint Truiden/St-Trond
β	London, BL	Roy. Ms 12.C. IV	Rochester
Е	London. BL	Arundel Ms 339	S Germany (Kastl Abbey, Bavaria?
3	Leiden, Universiteitsbibl.	Voss lat 4° 92	from Auxerre
2	Leiden, Universiteitsbibl.	Gron. 21	minimally illustrated; Winchester
2	Vienna, ÖNB	Vindob 51	S Germany
<del>[-</del> )	Leiden, Universiteitsbibl.	BPL 225/ Hemsterhusius 425	Fleury?
:	Florence, BML	Laur. plut. 29. 30	N Italian?
:	Wolfenbüttel, Herz. Aug. Bibl.,	18.16. Aug. 4°	Monastery of Wissembourg, Alsac
3	Hannover, Niedersächsische Landesbibl.	IV. 394	Wietmarschen, Lower Saxony
3	Wroclaw, Bibl. Uniwers.	IV 8° 11	France?
}	Chartres, Bibl. Mun.	498	Chartres (Theoderic of Chartres)
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### APPENDIX II

Manuscripts containing the text (or fragments) of *De astronomia* in which the accompanying texts are illustrated, but Hyginus is not illustrated

Group I:
The Franco-English manuscripts of Cicero's Aratea

London, BL	Harley Ms 647	French (Lorraine?), c. 820
London BL	Cotton Tib. C. 1	Peterborough, early 12th century
(1122?)		
Göttweig, Stiftsbibl.	Ms 7(146)	Lombard, 15th century
London BL	Harley Ms 2506	Fleury, c. 990 - c. 1000
London, BL	Cotton Ms Tib. B V, pars 1	English, c. 1000 (991-1016)

In the first three manuscripts, text taken from Books II and IIII of *De astronomia* appears within the contours of the illustrations of the constellations figures themselves, as a kind of *technopaignion* or *carmina figurate*. First identified by VOGELS 1884 and 1887. The text was first fully edited by KAUFFMANN 1888 (who believed the inserts in Harley 647 were added by a later hand, though he traces the fashion for these sorts of embellishments to the 2nd or 3rd century) and BUNTE 1889. For Greek examples of this practice, see LUZ 2010 and for Latin examples, see WEIS 1969 and ULRICH 1991.

The fourth manuscript, Harley 2506, contains Books I-IV of *De astronomia* (ff. 1r-30r), alongside a number of shorter astronomical texts (including *De differentia circuli et sphere* and *De cursu septem planetarum per zodiacum circulum* by Abbo of Fleury (ff. 30v-32v), which has prompted scholars to suggest that the manuscript may have been carried by Abbo himself to England or, possibly, later given by him to the Benedictine monastery at Ramsay). The folios 36r-48v contain an illustrated version of Cicero's *Aratea*. The constellation figures are iconographically close to the other Cicero manuscripts, but the excerpts from Hyginus have been removed from their bodies. Instead, there are sections of the pertinent text from ps.-Bede, *De signis caeli* in the margins.

In the fifth manuscript, Cotton Tib. BV, pars 1, the constellation figures themselves are similar to the other Cicero manuscripts, but the text from Hyginus has been removed from their bodies. In this manuscript, however, the ancillary texts have been taken from Hyginus and the *Revised Aratus latinus*, and are placed so they surround each figure on the illustrated folii. Moreover, the content is exclusively mythological with none of the descriptive star-catalogues included. For a detailed description of these extracts, see LIPPINCOTT 2019a, pp. 282 and 316-17 (APPENDIX I).

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For fuller descriptions and illustrations, see <a href="https://www.thesaxlproject">www.thesaxlproject</a>, ad. cit. and BLUME/HAFFNER/METZGER 2013, I, 1, pp. 68-69 and 314-26, and I, 2, figs. 399-419 (Harley 647); I, 1, pp. 91-95 and 327-332; I, 2, figs. 420-434 (Harley 2506); I, 1, pp. 138 and 314-20, and I, 2, figs. 375-98 (Cotton Tib C I); I, 1, pp. 108-12 and 308-13, and I, 2, figs. 349-74. (Cotton Tib BV, 1); and BLUME/HAFFNER/METZGER 2017, II, 2, pp. 725-31 and II, 3, figs. 907-29 (Göttweig 7).

### Group II:

## Compilation manuscripts with an illustrated Revised Aratus latinus alongside an unillustrated De astronomia

ex- Dresden, Landesbibl.	Dc. 183	West Francia, early 9th-century
St Gallen, Stiftsbibl.	250	St Gallen, last quarter 9th century

Two 9th-century compilation manuscripts, each of which contain an un-illustrated version of Hyginus, the text of the Revised Aratus latinus, Cicero's Aratea, the Excerptum de Astrologia and the De ordine ac positone stellarum. In these two manuscripts, the constellation illustrations accompany the text of the Revised Aratus latinus. Note that the parent manuscript of St Gallen 250, St Gallen 902, does not contain any Hyginian texts, but does contain Hrabanus Maurus's De computo (cum epistola praefatoria ad Marcharium).

For fuller descriptions and illustrations, see <a href="www.thesaxlproject">www.thesaxlproject</a>, ad. cit. and BLUME/HAFFNER/METZGER 2013-17, I, 1, pp. 7 and 234-39, and I, 2, figs. 155-182 (Dresden 183); and I, 1, pp. 111 and 508-14, and I, 2, figs. 843-863 (St Gallen 250).

### Group III:

# Compilation manuscript with an illustrated *De ordine ac positione stellatum in signis* alongside a section of *De astronomia*, with one illustration

Paris, BnF	lat. 8663	Fleury, c. 1000
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The manuscript contains all four books of the *De astronomia* (ff.1r-19v), which are not illustrated, except for a single illustration of Centaurus (in Book II, on fol. 11v), which was first noted by LE BŒUFFLE 1983, p. li. There is a complete set of illustrations in this manuscript that accompanies the stellar catalogue, *De ordine ac positione stellarum in signis* (ff. 20r-24r), and the image of Centaurus in this set (fol. 23v) is by the same hand as one that appears within the Hyginian text. It is also iconographically similar, missing only the hare hanging from the Centaur's spear and with a different positioning and formation of the front hooves.

For fuller descriptions and illustrations, see <a href="www.thesaxlproject">www.thesaxlproject</a>, ad. cit. and BLUME/HAFFNER/METZGER 2013-17, I, 1, pp. 113, 118 and 430-35, and I, 2, figs. 681-90.

### Group IV:

In addition to Viré's list, the following related works are also illustrated:

### 11th -12th century

Munich, BSB	clm 10270	Mannheim or Strassb
	Hyginus excerpts	late 11th/ea. 12th c
London, BL	Roy Ms 13. A. XI	partially illustrated; English,
	Excerptio Abbonis ex Hyginus de figuratione signorum	ea. 12th c
Oxford, Bodleian Libr.	Bodley 614	English, c. 1120-40
	Opusculum de ratione sphaerae / Hyginus, Recensio interpolata	
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Oxford, Bodleian Libr.	Digby Ms 83	English, mid-12th c
	Opusculum de ratione sphaerae / Hyginus, Recensio interpolata	
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For fuller descriptions and illustrations, see <a href="https://www.thesaxlproject">www.thesaxlproject</a>, ad. cit. and BLUME/HAFFNER/METZGER 2013, I, 1, pp. 135-38 and 383-88, and I, 2, figs. 558-65 (Munich 10270); I, 1, pp. 134-37 and 333-339, and I, 2, figs. 435-50 (Roy Ms 13. A. XI); I, 1, pp. 126-130 and 389-95, and I, 2, figs. 566-93 (Bodley 614); and I, 1, pp. 125-27 and 396-402, and I, 2, figs. 594-631 (Oxford, Digby 83).

### **Group IV:**

Aberystwyth, NLW

Ms 735C

2 parts: 1) probl. Limoges, c. 1000 2) English, late 11th c

Parenthetically, one might mention the manuscript in Aberystwyth (Ms 735C), which is actually composed of two distinct parts. The first section is a miscellany, which contains an illustrated version of Germanicus's Aratea, complete with a series of interesting and unusual celestial maps. The second section contains all four Books of De astronomia and is not illustrated. The first sections seem to have been written and illustrated in France, while the Hyginus text is written in a later, Insular hand. Also, there is evidence that the first part of the manuscript travelled independently for some time before the second part was added. Any connection between the two, therefore, reflects a much later decision to bring these two previously independent manuscripts together. Nevertheless, the proximity of De astronomia to an important series of celestial maps is tantalising and raises the question of whether the Hyginus text was purposefully added to the illustrated Germanicus manuscript in order to take advantage of the maps that were contained within it – and, if so, when did this occur?

For fuller descriptions and illustrations, see the facsimile edition LIPPINCOTT 2019c. See also, www.thesaxlproject, ad. cit. and BLUME/HAFFNER/METZGER 2013, I, 1, pp.95-97 and 179-84 and I, 2, figs. 1023.

### APPENDIX III:

## A 'Hyginian map' described in verse, with English translation and commentary

(\*the asterisks refer to explanations in the commentary below)

Haec pictura docet quicquid recitavit Hyginus
In septem quinis describens sidera signis
Ad caeli terraeque globos in mole rotundos.
Mallem prorsus opus solidis insigne figuris,

5 Quas nequit in plano similes expendere quivis,

Dum lateant intus quaedam curvisque profundis.\*

Nam borealis apex arctos conplexus et anguem

Arctophylaca tegit nec non simulacra coronae,

Engonasinque, lyram, cygnum ceu Cassiepiam,

10 Cuius adest pedibus coniunx et filia dextris.

Perseus inde gener, tunc est caprarius, inde
Deltoton, equus ac delphin, aquila atque sagitta,
Anguitenens, aries, taurus, cum Castore Pollux

Et cancer, leo, virgo, suis cum scorpio chelis,

Arcitenens tandem, capricornus et urnifer inde; Piscibus extremus locus est quem signifer explet. This picture shows what Hyginus set out in his description of the stars in the 35 constellations on the huge, round spheres of the sky and the earth. Of course, I would prefer a work with three-dimensional figures, which no one can represent exactly and realistically on a flat surface, because some parts [of them] are hidden inside [the sphere] and [behind its] curves.\*

For the apex of the northern [sky] embraces the Bears and the Snake [Draco], includes

Arctophylax [Bootes] as well as the image of the Crown, and Engonasin [Hercules], Lyra, Cygnus and also Cassiopeia, [with] her husband [Cepheus]

at her feet, and her daughter [Andromeda] on her right side.

Then, their son-in-law, Perseus, [and] then there is the Goatherd [Auriga], then Deltoton, Equus and Delphinus, Aquila and Sagitta, the Snake-Holder [Ophiuchus], Aries, Taurus, with Castor [and] Pollux, and Cancer, Leo, Virgo, [and] Scorpio with his Claws.

Finally, the Bow-wielder [Sagittarius], Capricorn, [and] then the Urn-carrier [Aquarius]. The Fishes [Pisces] are at the very end and complete the [northern] signs.

Primus in austrinis Orion partibus exit,

Tum lepus est et utrique canes Argoque triremis,

Hydrus, Centaurus, sed et ara et piscis enormis,

- 20 Pistrix, Eridanus: \* sic sphaerae finis habetur,
- 20 Quam gemini findunt aequa sub sorte coluri,\*

Se tangendo polis dum zonas quinque pererrant.\*

Has hinc inde sibi diversa parte coaequat

Linea quae scindit medios utrosque coluros.\*\*

25 Torrida zona duas circa se a frigore servat;
Nam zonas similes aequales dicimus esse
In caeli terraeque modo Cicerone magistro.\*

Vertex alteruter terdenis partibus a se Semper abest circumque facit sex undique sumptis;\*

30 Tum quinas utrimque feret habitabilis ora.\*

Aequidies capit octonas hinc, inde quaternas.

Corpora signorum circis resecantur eisdem.\*

His super esse ferunt caelo cuicumque notandos, \*

In the southern parts, Orion is the first to rise.

Then, Lepus and the two Dogs [Canis Maior and Minor] and the trireme Argo, Hydra, Centaurus and Ara and the enormous Fish [Piscis Austrinus], Pistrix [Cetus] [and] Eridanus. \* In this way, the end of the sphere is reached, which the twin colures [then] divide into [two] equal parts. \*

They [each] cross over the five Zones until they come together at the poles. \*

Next, it [the sphere] then divides itself into equal parts on this side and that, with a line that cuts through the middle of both the colures. \*

The Torrid Zone is separated by the two neighbouring [Temperate] Zones from the Frigid [Zones]. Thus we say that there are similar Zones with the same properties in the sky and on the earth, according to the teachings of Master Cicero. \*

The two ends [of the sphere] are always 30 parts distant from each other, [and] they [extend] six [parts] on either side [of the poles].\*

Then, on both sides [of the Frigid Zones], the Habitable Zone comprises five [parts]. \*

Next, the Equinoctial Zone [the two Torrid Zones] contains eight [parts], with each [Zone made up of] four [parts].

The bodies of the signs are restrained by these Circles.\*

They say that everyone can locate them [the Circles] by regarding these [bodies of the constellations] in the heavens.

Quorum primus inest qui candidus extat in astris\*

35 Obliquo caeli portas discrimine tangens; \*

Alter ubique vagus graece vocitatur horizon.\*

Solus eget terrae spatiis ut limes in astris

Dimidium sphaerae momentis omnibus abdens.\*

Ergo decem circis totus variatur Olympus,\*

40 Ex quibus ille latet semper qui dicitur austri,\*

Cum nobis numquam latet qui continet arctos.

Inter utrosque tamen quod hinc levat, accidit illic.\*.

Arcticus his signis finitur circulus: extra

Laeva Bootis inest cum dextro poplite flexo

45 Herculis innixi pedibus, umeris quoque Cephei;

Tum siliquastrensis tangit confinia basis.\*\*

Solstitialis et hoc signorum limite constat:

Arcturus, lapsusque genu, Cepheia coniunx,

Anguiger oblongus, curvi quoque sinciput anguis

50 A superis tanguntur eo cum coniuge Persei

(Cui tamen Arctophylax [sic = Andromeda] est in

contraria versus\*

The first of these [Circles], is that which stands out white against the stars, \*
touching the gates of the sky with a distinctly oblique path;\*
the second one [of these Circles] is variable everywhere [and] is called `the horizon` in
Greek.\* It alone requires the space of the earth as a boundary for the stars, with which it hides half of the sphere at all times.\*
Therefore, the whole of Olympus is differentiated by ten Circles.\*

Of these, the so-called Southern [Circle]\* is always hidden, while the one that contains the Bears is never hidden [from our view]. Between the two [Circles], however, [there is] that which rises on this side, sets on that side.\* The **Arctic Circle\*** is bounded by these signs: the left [side] of Bootes is outside [it]; with the bent right knee [and] feet of the kneeling Hercules; and also the shoulders of Cepheus; then it touches the edge of the base of the seat [of Cassiopeia].\* And this makes up the boundaries of the signs of the **Solstitial [Circle]**: Arcturus [Bootes]; and he who has fallen on his knees [Hercules], the wife of Cepheus; the elongated Snakeholder [Ophiuchus]; and also half of the head of the curved Snake are touched by it from above, along with the wife of Perseus [Andromeda] (who, however, Arctophylax [sic= Andromeda] is upside-down [and] connected to the middle of Pegasus);\*

Pegaseo vinctae medio) pedibusque marito
Qui sectus laevo cubito cum crure sinistro
Heniochi caput ut currens ex pulvere foedat;

Deprimit ac geminis traiectis denique collis

Inter aselliferi consurgit lumina cancri

Currens per pectus, ventrem lumbosque leonis

Perque caput dextramque alam volitantis oloris.\*\*

Qui lucis noctisque pares dat circulus horas
Arietis ima pedum recipit, \* vestigia primum
Semibovisque genu praecidit, et inguinis eius
Ultima quem fudit putens urina deorum; \*
Sustinet et geminos flexus ex ore draconis,

65 Exit et a genibus longo serpente ligati,
Postquam chelarum longissima brachia pressit;
Tum Ganymedeae raptricis transilit alam
Pegaseamque iubam dirimens ex ordine pisces.\*

and [the Circle is marked by] the feet of her husband, whose left elbow and left leg are cut by it.

As if running, he [Perseus] throws dust on the head of Heniochus [Auriga], [and] he who is holding the reins [Auriga], as it were, presses down on the horn of the Bull [Taurus] with his foot. And, finally, it [the Circle] cuts through the necks of the Gemini, [and] rises up between the stars of the Ass-bearing Cancer; running through the breast, flank and loins of the Lion [Leo]; and through the head and right wing of the Flying Bird [Cygnus].\*

Here, the Circle that gives equal hours to the day and night [Equinoctial Circle/ Celestial Equator], receives the tip of the of the hoof of Aries;\* and it precedes the first vestiges of the knee of the half-Bull [and], finally, the groin of he [Orion], who [was created] by the scattering of the urine of the Gods on the rotting [skin];\* and it supports the twin coils coming from the head of the Dragon [Hydra]; and it escapes the knees of he who is entwined by the long Snake [Ophiuchus]; afterwards it presses the long arms of the Claws [of Scorpio], then it goes through the wing of the one who abducted Ganymede [Aquila] and through the mane of Pegasus, neatly dividing the Fishes [Pisces].\*

Quid hiemalis agat signorum corpora scindens

- 70 Decollatus eo novit qui spicula mittit
  Piscinusque caper, nec non lymphaticus auspex
  Et pistrix, fluvius, lepus et leporarius adsunt,
  Finditur et puppis, Centauro terminat orbis.
  Ultimus aversus boreae sua sidera in ima\*
- 75 Manibus ostendit fluvio\* finitus et Argo,

  Centaurique pedes postremos tangit et aram.

What does the **Winter [Circle = Tropic of Capricorn]** do as it cuts through the bodies

of the constellations?

He who knows about arrows [Sagittarius] is beheaded, and the Goat-Fish [Capricornus], as well as the watery Priest [Aquarius], and Pistrix [Cetus], the River [Eridanus], Lepus and the hare-hunter [Orion] attend [it]; and the stern [of Argo] is divided by it, and the Orb finishes with Centaurus. The final [Circle] that faces away from the north [the Antarctic or Ever-Invisible Circle], the lowest boundary displays its stars with the remains\* of the River [Eridanus] and Argo, and it touches the hind feet of Centaurus and the Altar [Ara].\*

### COMMENTARY

- vv. 1-6 This passage has been translated into German by Stückelberger and into Dutch by van Els. 1
- vv. 7-20 This list of the constellations does not actually follow the order found in the text of *De astronomia*.

  The changes include,

in the northern hemisphere:

- Cepheus and Cassiopeia have been transposed
- Ophiuchus should appear just after Auriga
- and Sagitta and Aquila have been transposed.

In the southern hemisphere:

- Cetus, Eridanus and Lepus should precede Orion
- Hydra should appear after Ara
- Corvus and Crater are missing.

In terms of the order of the constellations within the list, it is interesting to compare two other popular poems listing the constellations in a 'Hyginian order' (that is, of separating the constellations into three groups: those found in the northern hemisphere, the zodiacal band and the southern hemisphere).<sup>2</sup>

- In the poem attributed to Priscian, with the incipit Ad boreae partes arcti vertuntur at anguis, there is an even greater number of displacements in both the northern and southern hemispheres.<sup>3</sup>
- II. There is an anonymous poem that appears, seemingly uniquely, in the early 13th-century, French/Anglo-Norman miscellany in the British Library (London BL, Add. Ms 23892, ff. 7r-15r), bearing the title: Descripcio mundi secundum [C. Julium] [H]yginum and with the incipit: Auctores perhibent mundum constare localem,... In its 518 hexameters, one finds repeated references and citations from Hyginus (especially from Books I and IV) and the list of constellations (vv. 201-16) follows Hyginus's order nearly exactly (with the exception of a double-listing of Cetus: as Pistrix, v. 521 and Cetus, v. 523). Each constellation is also provided with a total of the stars within it. There is only a cursory discussion of the celestial Circles, however; and there is no recreation of which constellations define them. The anonymous poet, whom Haye suggests reflects a Parisian background dating to the second third of the 13th century, also cites the names of Ambrose (v. 18), Clement (v. 505), Strabo (v. 393) and Martianus Capella (v. 19).4
- vv. 20-21 The colures are often used to divide the sphere into two 'twin' hemispheres. When the vernal and autumnal equinoctial colures form the outer boundaries of each half of the celestial sphere, they create the so-called 'summer' and 'winter' hemispheres. The description suggests that the picture in question represents a pair of hemispheres; and, since the positions of the

STÜCKELBERGER 1990, p. 75 and STÜCKELBERGER 1994, p. 36: Diese Abbildung zeigt, was Hygin in seiner Beschreibung der 35 Sternbilder dargelegt hat, indem sie die kugelförmige Gestalt des Himmels und der Erde nachahmt. Vorziehen würde ich freilich ein Werk mit körperlichen Figuren, die man nicht entsprechend in der Ebene ausbreiten kann, da doch gewisse Teile im Innern der gekrümmten Oberfläche verborgen sind.

Note that van Els's translation of this passage into Dutch is slightly different (underlining is mine to highlight differences): Deze afbeelding laat datgene zien wat Hyginus in zijn beschrijving van de 35 sterrenbeelden heeft uitgelegd, omdat zij (de afbeelding) de bolvormige gestalte van de hemel en de aarde imiteert. Toch zou ik de voorkeur willen geven aan een instrument met stoffelijke (driedimensionale) figuren, die men immers niet naar believen op een plat vlak kan uitbreiden omdat bepaalde delen in het innerlijk van het gekromde oppervlak verborgen zijn'. See VAN ELS 2015, p. 651, n. 1.

For some of the different orders in which the constellations are listed in other Hyginus-based sources, see DUITS 2005.

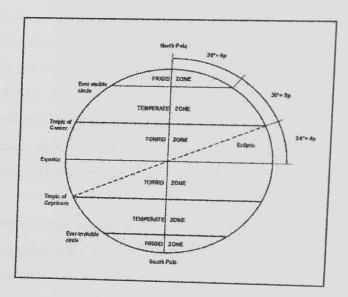
For a recent edition and German and English translations, see LIPPINCOTT 2019c, pp. 96 (German transl by Peter Diemer), 288 (English) and 391 (Latin). DEKKER 2013, p. 190, n. 116 provides a list of manuscripts in which the poem appears.

For the most recent edition and studies of the poem, see HAYE 1997 and 2007; and HÜBNER 2009 (who corrects some of Haye's readings and explains their proper context). See also THORNDIKE/KIBRE 1963, p. 162; WALTHER 1969<sup>2</sup>, nr. 1680; and DEKKER 2013, p. 190, n. 118.

See the descriptions of winter and summer hemispheres in DEKKER 2013, pp. 118-142 and 207-27.

constellations on the Circles in the poem follow Hyginus so closely, it argues in favour of a set of hemispheres defined by the equinoctial colures.<sup>6</sup>

- v. 22 Each colure runs from pole to pole, crossing through the five Zones which are discussed below. 7
- vv. 23-24 This refers to the Celestial Equator, which bisects the sphere into northern and southern hemispheres, and also bisects each colure.



- v. 25 The two Torrid Zones flank the Equator and the Temperate Zones are placed on either side of the Torrid Zones, acting as a buffer between them and the Frigid Zones.
- The system of celestial parallels in the heavens is mirrored by a similar set of 'Zones' on Earth. The reference to 'Master Cicero' here reflects the fact that, in addition to his primary reliance on Hyginus, the author is also aware of the information regarding the terrestrial and celestial Zones that appears in Macrobius's Commentary on Cicero's 'Dream of Scipio'. In particular, Macrobius devotes a long section to explaining why the seemingly contradictory statement of Virgil and Cicero the former claiming that these 'Zones hold the sky' (Georgics, I, 233: quinque tenent caelum zonae) and the latter saying that these 'belts encircle the Earth' (De re publica, VI, ix, 20: Cernis autem eandem terram quasi quibusdam redimitam) are, in fact, not contradictory and both are correct, since the celestial and terrestrial systems mirror each other. 9
- vv. 28-29 Both Hyginus and Macrobius explain that the circumference of the sphere has been divided into 60 intervals, which Macrobius tells is measures 252,000 stades. Therefore, the furthest points of

Noting that Aratus starts his sequence of zodiac constellations with Cancer, Hyginus states that he and other astronomers prefer to begin it with Aries. See *De astronomia*, IV, iv, cited by DEKKER 2013, p. 191. It is also worth mentioning that there are no known classical or medieval depictions of the hemispheres divided along the lines of the solstitial colures.

Compare the similar phrasing in Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, I, xv, 14: Praeter hos alii duo sunt coluri, quibus nomen dedit imperfecta conversio: ambientes enim septentrionalem verticem atque inde in diversa diffusi, et se in summo intersecant et quinque parallelos in quaternas partes aequaliter dividunt ('In addition, there are two others, called the colures, which are so-called because they do not make complete circles. Crossing the celestial north pole and proceeding in different directions, they intersect each other at the northern vertex and divide each of the five parallels into four equal parts'.). Ed. WILLIS 1994, pp. 62-63 and English transl STAHL 1952, p. 151. Stahl (p. 151, n. 21) points out that the term colurus comes from the Greek kolouros (κόλουρος), which means, literally, 'dock-tailed', but one might prefer 'mutilated', in the sense that they are not complete circles.

See Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, v-ix. As Woodward notes, more than 150 manuscripts examples of Macrobian mappaemundi have survived. See WOODWARD 1987, p. 300. The tradition of the zonal map is carried on by Martianus Capella in his De nuptiis Philologiae et Mercurii, and in the Liber Floridus of Lambert of St-Omer. See WOODWARD, op. cit..., p. 300, n. 78 for references. See also STAHL 1942, esp. pp. 235-36 and HIATT 2007.

See Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, v, 7-8 and II, vii. For the reference to Cicero's recognition that there was a connection between the celestial and terrestrial Zones, see especially the passages in Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, vii, 7: Et ipsum autem scisse Ciceronem quod terreni cinguli caelestibus inficiantur, ex verbis eius ostenditur. Ait enim, e quibus duos maxime inter se diversos et caeli verticibus ipsis ex utraque parte subnixos obriguisse pruina vides. [...] Cum ergo manifeste et rigorem de caeli verticibus et fervorem de sole in terrae cingulos venire signaverit, ostendit prius in caelo hos eodem congulos constitisse ('That Cicero himself was aware of the connection between the earth's zones and those of the heavens is shown by his words 'You observe that the two which are farthest apart and lie under the poles of the heavens are stiff with cold'. [...] His obvious inference is that cold comes to the Earth's zones from the poles of the sky and that the heat comes from the Sun shows that he first assumed corresponding zones in the sky'.) Ed. WILLIS 1963, p. 118 and English transl STAHL 1952, p. 209.

the sphere – the North and South Poles – are always set at 30 intervals from each other.<sup>10</sup> In between the two Poles, there are six Zones, which maintain the same breadth all around the surface of the Earth. The six Zones would be: the two Frigid Zones; the two (habitable) Temperate Zones; and the two Torrid Zones. In several version of the Macrobian terrestrial maps, there is also a central Equatorial band along which the Oceanic River (the Abeus Oceani) flows.<sup>11</sup>

According to both Hyginus and Macrobius, the parallels marking the boundaries of the two Frigid Zones extend 6 parts from each of the Poles. 12

- Again, these measurements appear in both Hyginus and Macrobius.<sup>13</sup> The Temperate Zones were considered to be the only habitable Zones, with the southern Temperate Zone being populated by the Antipodeans, though, as Macrobius points out, this is 'inferred only from reason' (sola ratione intellegitur) because the occupants of both Zones are unable to cross the intermediary Torrid Zone, due to its scorching heat.<sup>14</sup>
- v. 31 There appears to be a slight conflation of terms here. *Aequidies*, or 'the [line of] equal days' should indicate the Equinoctial Circle, or the Equator; but here the author is actually describing the boundaries of the Torrid Zones, which lie on both sides of the Equator. This is made clear by his description of each Zone measuring four parts, and the two Zones together measuring eight parts. 15

See also Hyginus, De astronomia, I, vi, 1: Quinque autem quos supra diximus sic in sphaera metiuntur: initio sumpto a polo qui boreus appellatur, ad eum qui notius et antarcticus vocatur, in triginta partes unum quodque hemisphaerium dividitur, ita uti dimensio significari videatur in tota sphaera sexaginta partes factas (As for the five [Circles] of which we spoke above, here is their measure on the sphere: if we start from the pole called "boreal" towards what we call "southern" and "antarctic", each hemisphere is divided into thirty parts, so that the measure of the whole sphere seems to consist of sixty parts'.). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, p. 8 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 7 (reading significare). See also Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, vi. Stahl notes that this method of the division of the Earth is the one used by Eratosthenes. See STAHL 1952, p. 207.

See Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, ix, 4: Ceterum verior (ut ita dicam) eius alveus tenet zonam perustam ...

('But the truer bed of the Ocean, if I may call it that, flows along the whole extent of the equator...'.). Ed. WILLIS 1963, p. 123 and English transl STAHL, p. 214. As mentioned, this feature regularly appears on Macrobian terrestrial zonal maps, though modern catalogue descriptions tend to mis-translate Alveus Oceani as 'the boiling sea', rather than 'the [river] bed of the Ocean'.

Hyginus, De astronomia, I, vi, 2: Deinde ab eodem principio boreo sex partibus ex utraque finitione sumptis, circulus ducitur cuius centrum ipse est polis finitus... ('Then, if from the same northern starting point we take six parts on either side, we draw a circle whose centre is precisely the pole itself'.). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, p. 8 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 7 (reading polus est). See also, Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, vi, 5: ... et spatium freidae ab I usque ad C habet sexagesimas sex, quae tenant stadiorum viginti quinque milia ducenta ('... 'while the measurement of the frigid zone, that is from I to C, is 6 intervals or 25,200 stades'.). Ed. WILLIS 1963, p. 117 and English transl STAHL 1952, p. 207. The 6 parts reflect a latitude of 36°.

See Hyginus, De astronomia, I, vi, 2: Ab hoc circulo de reliquis partibus quinque sumptis [...], circulis ducitur qui θερινός τροπικός appellatur ('If from this circle we take five parts of the rest [...], we draw a circle called Summer Tropic'.). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, p. 8 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 7. See also Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, vi, 5: Latitudo autem cinguli nostri qui temperatus est, id est ab N usque ad I, habet sexagesimas quinque, quae faciunt stadiorum milia viginti unum ('The breadth of our temperate zone, that is from N to I, is five intervals or 21,000 stades'.). Ed. WILLIS 1963, pp. 116-17 and English transl STAHL 1952, p. 207.

See Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, v, 12 and 16-17. As Edson notes, the assumptions about the Habitable Zones persisted 'even though in the early Middle Ages fuller knowledge of the northern frigid zone, which included part of Britain, made it quite clear that it was habitable – or at least inhabited'. See EDSON 1997, p. 7. Stahl notes that these degrees and dimensions agree with Geminos (V, 45-46 and XVI, 7-8), while the system of degrees (but not of the Zones) agrees with Theo of Smyrna (202-03). See STAHL 1952, p. 207, n. 3.

See Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, II, vi, 4: Ab A igitur usque ad N, quod est medietas perustae, habet sexageimas quattuor, quae faciunt stadiorum milia sedecim cum octingentorum adiectione; ergo omnos perusta sexagesimarum est, et tenet stadiorum milia triginta tria et sexcenta insuper ('The distance from A to N, beginning at the middle of the torrid zone, comprises four intervals or 16,800 stades; the whole torrid zone, therefore, comprises eight intervals or 33,600 stades'.). English transl STAHL 1952, p. 207. Hyginus describes the distance between the (northern) Tropical Circle to the Equatorial Circle as being 'four parts' (quattuor de reliquis partibus sumptis). See De astronomia, I, vi, 2; ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, p. 8 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 7. Hyginus also offers a resumé of all the parallels in De astronomia, I, vi, 3.

- vv. 32-33 The author is restating here that the different parts of the bodies of the constellations can be used to locate this 'net' of Circles.
- v. 34 Of the celestial Circles, the only one that is visible is the Milky Way. 16 This description of the brightness of this feature recalls the Aratean description of the Milky Way, and is a consistent feature of all the texts deriving from and related to the *Phaenomena*. 17
- v. 35 The description of the Milky Way touching the 'gates of the sky' can be traced to Macrobius, who says that the Milky Way 'girdles the zodiac, its great circle meeting it obliquely so that it crosses the two

tropical signs, Capricorn and Cancer'. <sup>18</sup> He notes that natural philosophers call these two extremes 'the portals of the Sun', because they mark the two Solstices.

v. 36 The word is derived from ὁρίζω ('I divide' or 'I mark out a boundary'). <sup>19</sup> Hyginus describes the horizon as 'incertus' <sup>20</sup> and Macrobius mentions that it and the local meridian are 'not fixed on the celestial sphere, but vary with the location of the viewer'. <sup>21</sup>

See, for example, Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, I, xv, 2: Est autem lacteus unus e circus qui ambiunt caelum: et sunt praeter eum numero decem, de quibus quae dicenda sunt proferemus, cum de hoc competens sermo processerit. Solus ex omnibus hic subiectus est oculis, ceteris circulis magis cogitatione quam visu comprehendendis ('The Milky Circle, indeed, is only one of the ten circles that girdle the celestial sphere: there are besides it ten others, which will discussed fully when the time comes. It is the only one of the circles visible to the eye, the other being apprehended in the mind and not seen'.). Ed. WILLIS 1994, p. 61 and English transl STAHL 1952, p. 149.

See Aratus, *Phaenomena*, 469-79: 'If ever on a clear night, when all the brilliant [470] stars are displayed to men by celestial night, and at new moon none of its course is dimmed, but all shine sharply in the darkness – if ever at such a time a wondering has come into your mind [474] when you observed the sky split all the way round in a bright circle, or someone else standing beside you has pointed out to you that star-emblazoned wheel (men call it the Milk), no other circle that rings the sky is like it in colour, but two of the four are equal to it in size, while the others as they turn are much smaller'. Ed. and English transl KIDD 1997, pp. 106-09. The Latin renderings by Cicero (vv. 245-252, ed. SOUBIRAN 1972, p. 180) and Germanicus (vv. 455-48, see LIPPINCOTT 2019c, pp. 139 (German transl. Peter Diemer), 332 (English) and 434 (Latin)) are much less evocative. Hyginus, slightly oddly, says that the Milky Way is 'perpendicular' (contrarius) to the Equator (De Astronomia, I, vi, 3). See also Geminos, who describes the position of the Milky Way as being λοξός or 'oblique' (V, 68-69; ed. AUJAC 1975, p. 33 and English transl EVANS 1998, p. 93). Manilius says that it lies 'crosswise' (adversum) to the ecliptic (I, Manilius would have been available to the anonymous author of the poem.

Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, I, xii, 1: Zodiacum ita lacteus circulis obliquae circumflexionis occursu ambiendo complectitur, ut eum qua duo tropica signa Capricornus et Cancer feruntur intersecet. Has solis portas physici vocaverunt, quia in utraque obviante soltitio ulterius solis inhibetur accessio, et fit ei regressus ad zonae viam cuius terminus numquam relinquit ('The Milky Way girdles the zodiac, its great circle meeting it obliquely so that it crosses it at the two tropical signs, Capricorn and Cancer. Natural Philosophers name these the "portals of the Sun" because the solstices lie athwart the Sun's path on either side, checking farther progress and causing it to retrace its course across the belt beyond whose limits it never trespasses'.). Ed. WILLIS 1963, pp. 47-48 and English transl STAHL, p. 133. Stahl traces this concept back to Homer (Odyssey, XIII, 109-12 and XIV, 12) via the neo-Platonic filter of Porphyry (De antro nympharum, XXVIII). See STAHL 1952, p. 133, nn. 1 and 2.

See also, Sacrobosco, Tractatus de spera, II: Orizon vero est circulus dividens inferius emisperium a superiori, unde appellatur orizon, id est terminator visum ('The horizon is a circle dividing the lower hemisphere from the upper, when it is called "horizon", that is, "limiter of vision".). Ed. and English transl THORNDIKE 1949, pp. 91 and 126.

Hyginus, De astronomia, I, iv, 2: Horizon appellatur is qui terminat ea quae perspici aut non videri possunt. Hic autem incerta ratione definitur [...], pervidetur ita utcumque fuerit sphaera conlocata ('The so-called horizon is the one that marks the boundary between the visible part and the invisible part. It is not determined with precision [..., but] it is perceived according to how one is located on the sphere'. ). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, p. 7 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 6 (reading collocata).

Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, I, xv, 15: Duo qui ad numerum praedictum supersunt, meridianus et horizon, non scribuntur in sphaera, quia certum locum habere non possunt, sed pro diveristate circumspicientis habitantisve variantur ('The two [circles] that remain to complete the number given above are the meridian and the horizon. These are not fixed on the celestial sphere but vary with the location of the observer'.). Ed. WILLIS 1963, p. 63 and English transl STAHL 1952, p. 151.

- vv. 37-38 The idea of six signs always being visible above the horizon while six signs lie below it appears in both Hyginus and Macrobius. <sup>22</sup>
- v. 39 According to Macrobius, the ten celestial Circles are the Ecliptic, the five parallels (the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, the two Tropics and the Equator); 2 colures; and the meridian and the horizon.<sup>23</sup>
- vv. 40-41 The author refers to the 'Southern Circle', and the 'Northern Circle' here, and even though words such as *Arcticus and Australis* are used in the poem, it should be understood that these actually indicate the geographically-dependent Ever-Visible and Ever-Invisible Circles, located at the extreme north and south of the sky rather than the fixed co-ordinates of the Arctic and Antarctic Circles we might recognise today. From the latitudes in which most of these Classical authors were writing, the constellations they describe as being contained within the Ever-visible Circle never disappeared below the horizon, so were always visible in the night sky. The opposite was true for those constellations in the far south, which always remained below the horizon and were 'Ever-invisible'. As Hyginus and Macrobius note, however, the accepted convention is that these Circles set at 6 parts (*i.e.*: 36° distant) from the Northern and Southern Poles.<sup>24</sup>
- v. 42 All the constellations between the Ever-Visible and Ever-Invisible Circles, appear and disappear from our sight as the skies revolve overhead.

- vv. 43-46 These are the constellations used to define what the author calls the Arctic Circle, or (as mentioned above) the 'Ever-Visible Circle.<sup>25</sup>
- v. 46 Basis siliquatrensis refers to the base of Cassiopeia's seat. Etymologically, siliquastrum has botanical connections to the herb pepperwort, also known as the 'Judas Tree', which has led some scholars to assume, incorrectly, that it refers to the plant or palm frond sometimes depicted as being held in Cassiopeia's hand. <sup>26</sup>

Hyginus, De astronomia, IV, x: Mundus enim ipse semel in die ac nocte verti videtur. Itaque evenit ut ipsa signa duodecim semel in die ac nocte videri possint ('For the world itself visibly completes one single revolution in a day and a night. The result of which is that, for their part, the 12 signs can be seen once during the day and once during the night'.). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, p. 128 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 138. See also, Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis, I, xv, 17 and Ptolemy, Almagest, I, 5 (English transl TOOMER 1984/1998, p. 42 (= H 19)).

Macrobius, Commentarii in somnium Scipionis I, XV, 8-19. See also the convenient resumé in STAHL 1942, p. 236.

See Appendix III, n. 12, above.

Compare Hyginus, De astronomia, IV, vi, 2: Arcticum igitur orbem sustinet caput Draconis cum reliqua corporis parte. Cepheus autem pectore suo circulum iungit. Eodem orbe nituntur et pedes maioris Ursae, praeterea sedile Cassiepiae cum pedibus eius nititur ipso circulo, et dextra planta genuque sinistro et pedis prioribus digitis is qui Engonasin vocatur, et manus sinistra Bootis exteriore parte circuli pervenit coniuncta ('Therefore, the Arctic Circle supports the head of the Dragon with the rest of his body; Cepheus touches the circle with his chest; the feet of Ursa Maior also lean on the same circle; moreover, the seat of Cassiopeia with her feet rest on the circle itself; also the right foot, [and] the left knee and the end of the toes of the foot of he who is called the Kneeler [Hercules]; [and] the right hand of the Herdsman [Bootes], which manages to touch the exterior of the circle'.). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, p. 123 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 134. Some editors have suggested dextro pede for LeBœuffle's and Viré's dextra planta. See also the variant description in Hyginus, De astronomia, IV, iii, 3.

See for example, ALLEN 1899/1963, p. 144, citing LA LANDE 1764/17923, p. 213. LE BŒUFFLE argues that it is an alternative word for 'chair' or 'throne' and cites its usage in Hyginus, *De astronomia* (II, 10: *Proquo facto inter sidera sedens in siliquastro constituta est*; and III, 9: *Cassiepia sedens in siliquastro conlocata est*) and in our poem. See LE BŒUFFLE 1987, p. 236, (no. 1106). The shape or material from which this particular kind of chair was made remains a mystery. Varro simply describes a *seliquastrum /siliquastrum* as a type of chair (*De lingua latina*, V, 128).

- vv. 47-59 The term 'Solstitial' here is slightly irregular, but the constellations the author lists closely follow those that Hyginus uses to define the so-called 'Summer Circle', or the Tropic of Cancer.<sup>27</sup>
- v. 51 Note the odd mistake here. The reference should be to Andromeda, as the head of Andromeda and the belly of Pegasus share a star, α And. <sup>28</sup>

vv. 60-68 These are the markers for the Celestial Equator.<sup>29</sup>

vv. 62-63 The allusion to the gods scattering urine on a rotting skin is a reference to the catasterismic myth associated with Orion, who was born from the skin of an ox, which has been urinated upon by Jove and Mercury and buried in the ground for nine months, in order to give a much-wanted child to a certain Hyreius in return for his hospitality.<sup>30</sup>

Compare Hyginus, De astronomia, IV, ii, 1: In aestivo circulo, de quo primum dicere instituimus, haec signa sive partes eorum perspiciuntur: capita Geminorum, Aurigae genu utrumque sinistrumque Persei crus et humerus sinister. Andromeda autem a pectore et manu sinistra dividitur, atque ita evenit, ut caput eius cum toto pectore et manu dextra videatur esse inter aestivum et aequinoctialem circulum, reliquum autem corpus inter aestivum et arcticum finem. Praeterea in eodem aestivo circulo pedes equi Pegasi positi videntus, et caput a reliquo corpore dividitur Oloris et alae sinisterioris ut volantis pars non magna. Ophiuchus humeris hunc circulum sustinere videtur ex una parte, id est aequinoctiali, ex altera parte Hercules pari ratione. Virgo prope hunc coniungens capite, inter hunc et aequinoctialem circulum collocata est, ut fulgens ad austrum. Leo a pectore ad lumbos dividitur, ut caput eius et corporis superior a cruribus pars inter hunc et arcticum circulum videatur, inferior autem pars inter aestivum et aequinoctialem. Cancer autem sic dividitur medius, ut inter oculos eius circulus traiectus videatur ('On the summer circle [...] here are the constellations or their parts that one might notice: the heads of Gemini; the knees of the Auriga; the left leg and shoulder of Perseus. It cuts Andromeda through her chest and her left hand (and it follows that her whole chest and her right hand are visible between the Summer and Equinoctial Circles; and the rest of her body is between the Summer and Arctic Circles). Moreover, on the same Summer Circle, the hooves of the Horse Pegasus seem to be placed; the head of Cygnus is separated from the rest of his body, except for one small part of the left wing that seems to hover [over it]; Ophiuchus seems to support with his shoulders the Circle on one side (namely, the equinox), while on the other side it is Hercules who does the same; Virgo nearly touches her head [on it] and she is located between this Circle and the Equinoctial Circle, sparkling in a southerly direction; Leo is divided from his chest to his rump, so that his head and the upper part of his body above the legs/paws can be seen between the Arctic Circle and this one; the lower part is between the Summer and Equinoctial Circles; Cancer is neatly divided through its middle, so that the Circle seems to run between its eyes'.). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, pp. 115-16 and VIRÉ 1992, pp. 126-27 (omitting ex una parte ... pari ratione and reading existimetur for videatur).

See Ptolemy, Almagest (English transl TOOMER 1984/1998), p. 358. It is interesting to note that one of the other 'Hyginian poems', Priscian's Ad boreae partes arcti, also has the slightly odd reference to the 'star of Andromeda' set between Deltoton and Pegasus (... Deltoton et Andromeda astrum, / Pegasus et Delphin Telumque...). See APPENDIX III, n. 3 above).

Compare Hyginus, De astronomia, IV, iii, 1: Aries totus omnibus pedibus innixus videtur. [...] IV, iii, 2:... In eodem Tauni genua ut fixa perspiciuntur, etsi nonnulli ita finxerunt, ut uno genu, hoc est dextro nixus, sinistro pede contingere videatur, de hoc in medio relinquemus. Sed in eodem circulo zona Orionis, ut ipso circulo praecinctus existimetur; Hydra flexu a capite primo, ut cervicibus erectis Cancrum contingere videatur, et ex inferiore corpore Hydrae Crater cum Corvo velut fixus esse circulo conspicitur. Item paucae stellae Chelarum eodem adiunguntur. Ophiuchi genua eodem circulo a reliquo corpore dividuntur. Aquila sinisteriore penua paene coniungens figurata est, eodemque circulo caput Pegasi cum cervicibus nititur ('The whole of Aries seems to lean upon it with all his hooves [...]. ... the knees of Taurus seem to be fixed on it, and according to some representations, he seems to be supported on [only] one knee, that is the right one (we will leave the debate undecided). But the same Circle carries the belt of Orion, so that the Circle itself gives the impression of encircling him; Hydra with the first curve after its head, so that he appears with his head held erect; it touches Cancer; and the lower part of Hydra with Crater and Corvus give the impression of being fixed on the circle. In the same way, a few stars of the Claws are joined to the same [area]. The Circle separates the knees of Ophiuchus from the rest of his body; Aquila nearly touches his left wing on this image; and the head of Pegasus with his neck also presses upon this circle'.). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, pp. 118-20 and VIRÉ 1992, pp. 129-30.

See Hyginus, De astronomia, II, 34.

- vv. 69-76 These are the markers for the Winter Circle or the Tropic of Capricorn.<sup>31</sup>
- vv. 74-76 These are the markers for the southernmost ('lowest') Circle, the Antarctic or Ever-Invisible Circle.<sup>32</sup>
- vv. 74-75 The end of the poem contains two slightly problematic lines perhaps indicating some sort of mutilation of the original. In the Paris manuscript (BnF, lat. 12117, fol. 138r), vv. 74-55 reads:

Ultimus aversus boreae sua sua dindima Manibus ostendit fluvio finitus et argo

While the Leiden manuscript (Voss. lat. 8°15, fol. 62r) reads:

Ultimus aversus boreae sua dindima solis Manibus ostendit fluvio finitus et argo From this, Riese was happy with *sua dindima solis*;<sup>33</sup> Baehrens conjectured that the first line should end: *sua lumina solis*;<sup>34</sup> and Bursian suggested: *sua sidera in* (or *ad*) *ima*.<sup>35</sup> In this case, it seems best to opt for Bursian's formula, since it coincides with the way in which the boundaries of the other Circles have been described above.

The second question is the meaning of *manibus*, and whether it comes from *manes* or *manus*. If the former, then it might indicate either the 'remains' or 'ends' of the river Eridanus, which is a common formula for describing Eridanus. <sup>36</sup> Or, possibly, it alludes to the 'ashes of the river' with a poetic reference to the ashes of the body of the fallen Phaeton. <sup>37</sup> If one chooses to read *manibus* as 'with his hands', one has to imagine Eridanus as a personified river-god, with his hands resting on the edges of the Ever-Invisible Circle. Whereas images of a personified Eridanus do not appear on any known celestial globes, they are a feature of Medieval celestial planispheres where, in several cases, the figure does appear to rest his hands on the edge of the visible sphere. <sup>38</sup>

All three options seem possible, but I have opted for 'remains' as the least adventurous and, therefore, probably most plausible reading.

Compare Hyginus, De astronomia, IV, iv: Tertius ab aestivo circulo, qui hiemalis vocatur, his corporibus et eorum partibus finitur. Nam medium Capricornum dividens et pedes Aquarii, per caudam Pistricis ut traiectus videtur. Dividit etiam Leporem fugientem a cruribus et quadam parte corporis, et Canis sequentis pedes et Navis ipsius puppim, Centaurique cervices a reliquo corpore dividit. Scorpionis extrema cauda, quod acumen vocatur, eodem circulo coniungitur. Sagittarii arcus eodem orbe deformatur. Huius orbis infra terram sunt de partibus octo partes quinque, supra terram autem tres. Itaque fit brevior dies nocte, ut ante demonstravimus ('The third from the Summer Circle is called Winter [Circle] and here are the constellations and their elements that define it. It separates Capricorn through its middle; and also the feet of Aquarius. It seems to run through the tail of the Whale [Cetus]. It also cuts off the fleeing Lepus from its legs and one part of its body; the feet of the Dog [Canis Maior] that pursues it; the stern of the Ship [Argo]; and it separates the neck of Centaurus from the rest of its body; the end of the tail of Scorpio, called the sting, is also on this Circle; and the bow of the Archer [Sagittarius] also takes shape on it'.) Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, pp. 121-22 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 132. See also the similar list in Germanicus, Aratea, 485-95.

Compare Hyginus, De astronomia, IV, vi, 3: Ad antarcticum circulum pervenit extrema Navis Argo pedesque Centauri posteriores adiunguntur, priores autem paene contingere et Ara videtur prope adfixa et Eridani Fluminis extrema significatio ('The Antarctic Circle arrives the end of the ship Argo and joins the hind feet of Centaurus (the front ones barely touch it); and Ara seems almost fixed there, as well as the end of the river Eridanus'.). Ed. LE BŒUFFLE 1983, pp. 123-24 and VIRÉ 1992, p. 134 (reading affixa).

RIESE 1870, no. 761 /1894-1926, no. 762.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> BAEHRENS 1879-83, V (1883), p. 382.

BURSIAN 1869, p. 788 (note).

See, for example Aratus, *Phaenomena*, 360: λείψανον 'Ηριδανοΐο ('the remnant of the River'). Ed. and English transl KIDD 1997, pp. 98-99. The idea that there are only remnants of the River remaining is due to the fable that much of its waters were evaporated when the Sun's chariot, running beyond Phaeton's control, fell into it (see n. 37 below). Hyginus, however, says that it is the 'end' (extrema) of the river that crosses the Circle (see n. 32, above).

See, for example, Ovid, Metamorphoses, II, 367-80 and Apollonius of Rhodes, Argonautica, IV, 599-603.

See, for example, the images at the edge of the maps in Boulogne-sur-Mer, Ms 188, fol. 120; Bern, Burgerbibliothek, Ms 188, fol. 11v and London, BL, Harley Ms 647, fol. 21v. It also appears in several of the much-later Renaissance 'Sicilian' copies of Germanicus's *Aratea*, where a young male figure often rests his hands on the outer boundary of the map.

APPENDIX IV - sample comparison between the Haec docet descriptions, De astronomia (IV, ii, 1) and a selection of celestial maps

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Berlin 129 planisph	x (feet)	x (head)	×					x (feet)	×		(x)		x (head)	×
Basel planisph	x (arm)		×	×	×	(x)	×		(x)		×	×	×	×
Ab planisph	×	x (neck)	(x)	×	×	x (waist)	×	×	x (knees)	×	×	×	×	×
Hyginus		x (shoulders)		x (shoulders)		x (chest and hand)	And the depth of t	×	x (knees)	de construction de la constructi	×	X	×	x (left wing)
The Tropic of Cancer (according to Haec docet, vv. 47-59)	Arcturus	Hercules	the wife of Cepheus	the elongated Snake-holder [Ophiuchus]	and also half the head of the curved Snake	the wife of Perseus [Andromeda]	to whom, however, Arctophylax [sic= Andromeda] is tied upside-down in the middle of Pegasus	and with the feet of her husband whose left elbow is cut off [by it] with the left leg;	head of Auriga	Auriga, who presses down on the horn of the Bull [Taurus]	it transfixes the necks of the Gemini	rises between the stars of the Ass-bearing Cancer	runs through the breast, flank and loins of the Lion [Leo]	runs through the head and right wing of the Flying Bird [Cygnus]

In the Bern and Boulogne-sur-Mer planispheres, many of the figures are arranged artfully within the zones, somewhat compromising their co-ordinates. This also true for several of the figures within the zodiac bands of all these maps,

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

BMC = Catalogue of Books printed in the Fifteenth Century, now in the British Museum, London: British Library, 1908-2007.

DBI = Dizionario biografico degli Italiani, ed. Alberto M. Ghisalberto, Rome: Istituto della Enciclopedia italiana, 1960 - .

GW = Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke, Leipzig: Hiersmann, 1925 -.

HAIN = Ludwig Hain, *Repertorium bibliographicum*, Stuttgart: J.C. Cotta and Paris: Renouard, 1826-38, with numerous reprints and editions.

ISTC = British Library, Incunabula Short Title Catalogue (http://www.istc.bl.uk)

The Saxl Project (http://www.thesaxlproject.com)

STC = Short-title Catalogue of Books printed in France and of French Books printed in other countries from 1470-1600 in the British Museum, London: The British Museum, 1966.

USTC = Universal Short Title Catalogue (http://www.ustc.ac.uk)

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